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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING HANDWRITING
RECOGNITION BY ANALYSIS OF STROKE START AND END POINTS**

A method, computer program product, and a data processing system for collecting handwritten characters and performing handwriting recognition based on parameters calculated from strokes of the handwritten characters. Stroke start and end events are identified and stroke parameters are calculated from coordinates of the stroke start and end events. One or more candidate characters are identified based on the stroke parameters.